

Communications Resource Information Sharing

Purpose: The Communications Resource Information Sharing (CRIS) initiative identifies transportable communications equipment, over-the-counter services, fixed communications networks, and telecommunications services and capabilities of the Federal Government that could be shared with other Federal organizations to support national security and emergency preparedness (NS/EP) requirements.

Background: CRIS was the result of National Communications System (NCS) Directive 3-9, "Communications Resource Information Sharing (CRIS) Initiative," approved by the Executive Office of the President in February 1996. CRIS further implements Executive Order 12472, "Assignment of National Security and Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications Functions," dated April 3, 1984, by specifying resources available to support NS/EP functions.

Guidance and direction for the CRIS initiative are the responsibility of the NCS CRIS Users Group. Made up of representatives from the NCS member organizations, the CRIS Users Group is a formally established standing committee under the NCS Council of Representatives (COR). The NCS Committee of Principals (COP) establishes policy for CRIS in accordance with NCS Issuance System procedures. The Chief, Operations Division, Office of the Manager, NCS (OMNCS), provides day-to-day administration of CRIS.

Highlights:

- ☐ Participation in CRIS is open to all NCS member organizations and affiliates on a voluntary basis.
- ☐ Twenty-six Federal and industry organizations currently contribute resources to CRIS.
- ☐ The CRIS Directory, NCSH 3-9-1, lists agency points of contact and more than 40 available systems, including portable radio and satellite kits, mobile telephone centers, emergency procurement contracts, local area network and wide area network access, and secure computer file transfer capabilities.



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